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PROUDLY SERVING NEW YORK'S 6TH DISTRICT

Resources for Victims or Witnesses of Hate Crimes

What is a “hate crime” and who does it affect?

The U.S. Department of Justice explains it best: “The term ‘hate crime’ is defined by various federal and state laws. In its broadest sense, the term refers to an attack on an individual or his or her property (e.g., vandalism, arson, assault, murder) in which the victim is intentionally selected because of his or her race, color, religion, national origin, gender, disability, or sexual orientation. Every year, thousands of Americans are victims of such hate crimes. Each one of these crimes has a ripple effect in our communities. The pain and injustice of such crimes tear at the fabric of our democratic society, creating fear and tensions that ultimately affect us all.”

I am a victim or a witness of a hate crime. What should I do?

It is important to report bias-related crimes to the local police precinct and to the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force. District Attorneys’ Offices of Queens, Manhattan, Brooklyn, and the Bronx have a dedicated bureau, unit, and/or helpline for bias-related crimes. Important contact information for District Attorneys’ Offices is on the next page.

I am a victim or a witness of a bias-related incident, not necessarily considered a crime. What should I do?

Personal safety and safety of others should be your first priority. Without endangering yourself and others, if you are a target of an incident, or you witness one, please speak up. Speak up against hate. Do not engage in physical violence. Seek assistance from an authority figure (e.g., school principal, teacher, police officer, etc.).

What can I do to prevent hate crimes or bias-related incidents from occurring?

Education is key. Speak with your family, friends, neighbors, students, colleagues about hate-motivated crime and violence. It is possible to work together to prevent the development of the prejudiced attitudes and violent behavior that lead to hate crimes. Prejudice and the resulting violence can be reduced or even eliminated by instilling appreciation and respect for each other's differences, and by helping them to develop empathy, conflict resolution, and critical thinking skills. Our goal is to prevent more extreme acts of hate in the future by teaching that even subtle forms of hate are inherently wrong.

Please turn to the next page for more information on resources available.

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Northeast Queens Office

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Flushing, NY 11358
718-358-MENG

Forest Hills Office (By Appointment Only)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York Field Office
26 Federal Plaza, 23rd Floor
New York, NY 10278
(212) 384-1000

NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force

One Police Plaza
New York, NY 10038
646-610-5267

Queens District Attorney

Gang Violence and Hate Crimes Bureau
125-01 Queens Boulevard
Kew Gardens, New York 11415
(718) 286-6000 (Main)
(718) 286-7045 (Hate Crimes Bureau)

Brooklyn District Attorney

Civil Rights Bureau and Hate Crimes Unit
350 Jay Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201
718-250-2340 (Main)
718-250-4949 (Hate Crimes Unit)

Bronx District Attorney

Bias Unit
198 East 161st Street
Bronx, New York 10451
718-590-2000 (Main)
(718) 590-2272 (Community Affairs Unit)

Staten Island District Attorney

130 Stuyvesant Place, 7th Floor
Staten Island, NY 10301
718-876-6300 (Main)

Manhattan District Attorney

Hate Crimes Unit
One Hogan Place
New York, NY 10013
212-335-3100 (Main)
212-335-9500 (TTY)

Manhattan DA – Witness Aid Services Unit

100 Centre Street, Room 231
New York, NY 10013
212-335-9040

<http://manhattanda.org/witness-aid-services-unit>

NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project

240 West 35th Street, Suite 200
New York, NY 10001
212-714-1141 (24-hour hotline)
212-714-1134 (TTY)

<http://www.avp.org/get-help/report-violence>

Southern Poverty Law Center

888-414-7752

Report a hate incident:

<https://www.splcenter.org/reportheate>

Legal Assistance Request:

<https://www.splcenter.org/eform/submit/legal-assistance-request>

Anti-Defamation League

202-452-8310

Report an anti-Semitic, racist or bigoted incident:

<http://newyork.adl.org/contact/>

Muslim Advocates

415-692-1484 (ext. 1)

office@muslimadvocates.org

<https://www.muslimadvocates.org/contact-us/>